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CITY CONTRACTS FOR TEN BLOCKS OF PAVING

The City Council let the contract Monday for the construction of ten blocks of paving in Clovis. This includes four blocks on Main Street, four blocks on Grand Avenue and two blocks on Monroe Avenue. The bids were opened Monday night with close competition between the bids from the Bitulithic people and the contractors who will use brick, the latter being about \$1,100 higher for the entire work. After considering both contracts, the council voted to use the brick and awarded the contract to the Rice-Babeock Paving Company of Amarillo. Part of the body voted for the Bitulithic and part for the brick, but now all are united with the one pleasant knowledge that Clovis will for sure have paving in the business district and that it will be completed by the time snow falls.

The contractors say they will be ready to commence on the work by about July 1st, which will give them about four or five months to complete the work before winter. It is the plan now to pave Monroe Avenue first and then Main Street.

LOCAL ELKS VISIT ROSWELL LODGE

About fifteen members of the local Elks lodge went to Roswell last Friday to be present at a special initiation service there when sixty-six new members were brought into the lodge. The men from here who attended reported a fine time and say that Roswell has a live bunch of Elks. Following are the names of those who went from Clovis: Jno. O. Pritchard, L. R. Conarty, L. T. Sears, T. M. Davenport, E. E. Tagader, Cecil Crider, E. A. Tusha, W. F. Dillon, George Hieck, Dick Noble, J. C. Noble, E. R. Hardwick, Dr. C. C. Goodwin, Mr. Neff and Mr. Blue.

CLAUDE WILL HAVE FINE SCHOOL BUILDING

Claude will soon have a new school building that will do credit to this prosperous community north of Clovis. The contract was let this week to Tom Brown of Texico. The building will represent an expenditure of \$14,000 and will have six rooms. Nothing builds up the community or enhances the value of property more than good schools and the Claude folks are to be congratulated for their progressiveness.

WILL PLEASE THE CHILDREN

The repeal of the so-called "luxury tax" which the president has recommended will bring joy to the hearts of the children for it will knock 5 percent of the price of candy, which is not a "luxury" at all but a very necessary article of diet for children and also grown-ups.

TAX ON GASOLINE BECOMES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st

The law imposing a two cents a gallon tax on gasoline goes into force on June 1st. Retail dealers must take out a license the fee for which is \$5.00. Distributors must pay a fee of \$50.00 for a license. Only half of these fees will be collected for this year. Inspectors have already been appointed for each of the eight judicial districts to see that gasoline is up to standard and that dealers and distributors comply with the law.

Dr. Glyn Smith was a visitor to Grady Wednesday.

BAND CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be a band concert on the streets of Clovis Saturday night, commencing at 8:00. An especially good program has been prepared for next Saturday evening. A large crowd was on the street to hear the concert last Saturday evening and it was greatly appreciated.

HERNANDEZ PROPOSES GIFT OF HUN CANNON

By a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Ben C. Hernandez, the secretary of war is authorized and directed to donate one cannon or one field piece captured by the American army from the forces of the imperial German government during the war to the following cities of the state: Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Socorro, Roswell, Silver City, Santa Fe, Tierra Amarilla, Raton, Wagon Mound, Taos, Clovis, Deming, Los Lunas, Aztec, Gallup, Clayton and Santa Rosa. The bill has been referred to the house committee on military affairs.

FIXING TO DRILL AT KENNA, N. M.

The Great Western Oil and Refining Co. has let the contract for a deep well near Kenna, to W. J. Smart of Enid, Okla. Mr. Smart has just unloaded a Billings & Garber standard rig at Kenna and preparations are now being made to begin drilling. Kenna is south of Clovis between this place and Roswell. Geologists say there are splendid indications of oil there and should oil or gas be struck Clovis would derive a wonderful benefit from the discovery.

MEMORIAL DAY AT PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill observed Memorial Day last Friday in a most fitting manner and those who attended from Clovis are praising this most progressive community this week and making every fellow who did not attend wish he had been there. A fine program was rendered and if any man went away from the grounds hungry it was his own fault for the good ladies of that community certainly had plenty there for them to eat and everyone was made to feel perfectly at home. An especially interesting feature of the day was the drill by the soldier boys. Following is an outline of the program that was carried out during the day:

- 10:00—Song, "America" by the audience.
- Invocation, Supt. Bazzill.
- 10:20—Welcome address, Rev. Nix.
- 10:40—Response, Rev. Thurston.
- 11:00—Piano Solo, Mrs. Nora Whitener.
- 11:10—Patriotic address, Sam Bratton.
- 12:00—Dinner.
- 2:00—Military review by the boys in khaki, with Captain Luikart in command.
- 2:30—Piano Solo, Mrs. Whitener.
- 2:40—Quartet singing by Prof. Taylor's double quartet from Clovis.
- 3:00—Memorial address by Rev. Culpepper of Clovis.
- 3:50—Vocal Duet, Mr. and Mrs. McCain.
- 4:00—Unveiling at the cemetery by the W. O. W.

PATTON ATTENDING DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Harry L. Patton spent a few days in Albuquerque this week attending a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Patton was one of the speakers at the afternoon session on June 5th, his subject being: "Why the New Mexico Legislature Should be Democratic in 1920."

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I can be found at the Clovis Feed Store at any time now and am prepared to answer your veterinary calls promptly. Dr. L. M. Jordan, Veterinarian. 6-5-4tp

V. J. Hively is visiting at Wichita, Kans. this week.

County Fair Meeting

A fair is being planned for Curry County this fall. A meeting of the farmers and business men will be held at the court house in Clovis on Saturday, June 14th, at 1:00 p. m., to discuss the matter and it is the especial desire to have a big crowd there to discuss this important matter.

CLOVIS STILL LOOKS PRETTY GOOD

In a recent letter from J. H. Shepard who is now at Mineral Wells, Texas, he says:

"I haven't found anything that looks better than Clovis yet. Doubt if I will, so the people of that fair city and county may have to endure the Shepard family quite a while yet. I am enjoying this water and the change—not the change I am having to give up for staying here however."

Mr. Shepard and family left here a few weeks ago for a looking-around trip over several points in central west Texas.

IN HONOR OF SISTER

Mrs. J. B. Sharp entertained last Thursday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Campbell, who has been visiting here from Dallas, Texas. The evening was spent very pleasantly, after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

RAILROADS CAN'T RUN WITH REDUCED RATES

Washington, June 3.—Only by increased rates can the government controlled railroads meet operating expenses, Director General Hines of the railroad administration today told the house appropriation committee. He is opposed to any increase because it might increase the cost of necessities.

Mr. Hines, who appeared to ask for \$1,200,000,000 additional for the railroad administration's revolving fund for the remainder of this calendar year, declared that while wages of railroad employees had been increased 51 to 52 per cent during government control, they now were only "reasonable and fair." He added that he could see no prospect of reducing them.

A. W. Chesbro has recently sold his home here and moved to Oklahoma.

Howard Rogers of Muleshoe visited his sisters, Mrs. G. P. Kuykendall and Miss Minnie Rogers here Thursday.

Warm weather is coming and a special effort should be made by all citizens to clean up their premises. This will avoid flies and diseases.

Job Printing at the News Office.

LIKES THIS SECTION

G. O. Roberts, who has recently come to Curry County to sell Moline Universal Tractors, says he is delighted with this county and with the prospect this section has for development. In speaking of a recent trip he made to the Bellview neighborhood, Mr. Roberts said: "That is certainly an ideal community with a citizenship that will surely develop the country. They have a fine school out that way and are forging right ahead."

Mr. Roberts gave a demonstration with his tractor at Melrose last Saturday which he said was well appreciated and apparently appreciated by the farmers.

FINE OATS

Dennis Bros. have on display at the Union Mortgage Co., a sample of fine oats taken from the field growing on their farm which Mr. C. E. Dennis says should make between forty and sixty bushels per acre. There was not a great deal of oats planted in the county this spring but those that did put in an acreage, now have the prospect of a good yield.

J. H. Green, Ralph LaLonde and others have recently organized what will be known as the White Sand Oil Company. The company has some good holdings in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kays of Pleasant Hill were Clovis visitors Thursday.

Robert Houchin left the first of the week for Ellenwood, Kans., where he expects to work during the summer.

J. C. Nelson will build a nice home this summer on his lots on North Gidding Street.

Chas. A. Scheurich is attending the Democratic Meeting at Albuquerque this week.

The Great Western people have a large body of land leased in the neighborhood of where their deep test will go down.

Interest has been lagging to a certain extent in the Taipan oil field but it is predicted by those who seem to know that some kind of a drilling announcement will be announced within the next few weeks.

Schools to Have Larger Appropriations Next Year

One of the big problems that the County Commissioners had to solve this week was the appropriations for the schools during the coming year. About 150 patrons and trustees from almost all parts of the county appeared before the board and asked that appropriations for running the schools during 1919-1920 be increased. The commissioners explained that this would mean an increase in taxes, but the patrons apparently are unwilling for the efficiency of the schools to be decreased, even though it does make the tax receipt look a little larger next fall, for, without a single dissenting vote, the some 150 men who had assembled at the court house to meet with the commissioners, voted for the increased appropriation when the commissioners asked for a

sentiment from each locality. When the trustees of the various schools in the county started out to find teachers this year they were confronted with the problem of paying more salaries which likewise meant an increase in running the schools. And who can blame the teachers for asking for larger salaries? Teachers, as a rule, do not get rich from the salaries they receive and the people of the county are no doubt unanimous in the feeling that they certainly must be better paid than they were a few years ago for living conditions have changed vastly.

In granting the appropriations for the schools the commissioners gave each district the amount asked for at the meeting Monday and the News believes their action will meet with general approval.

WILL COUNTY HAVE A FAIR THIS FALL?

DOING OVERTIME AT FORT SUMNER

County Superintendent Jas. M. Bickley went to Fort Sumner last week to deliver the commencement address of the Fort Sumner High School. Mr. Bickley also struck town on Memorial Day and he was pressed into service to deliver a Memorial Day address. Mr. Bickley says all of this was not so bad, but in addition the speaker who was to deliver the diplomas to the Eighth Grade graduates was unable to be present and the pleasure fell to him to handle the job. Mr. Bickley says this was entirely too many talks for one trip for he came pretty near running out of thunder, but the News ventures the assertion that he made a good job of each task.

WELL SHOULD COME IN NEXT WEEK

H. E. Baker returned from Burk-burnett Thursday morning and says the Burk-Eastland well is coming along all right. With no unavoidable delay the well should come in the latter part of next week. Mr. Baker says everybody down in the fields figures that it will be almost an impossibility for the company to miss a well with production all around it as is now the case.

LABOR PEOPLE HAVE GET TOGETHER MEETING

On Wednesday night of this week at the Elks Home the Unions of Clovis and their families and invited guests had what was termed a "Get Together Meeting." It was strictly a social affair with a pleasing program rendered by members of the different crafts in the city. After vocal and instrumental selections were rendered the chairman of the meeting called on the head of each craft to state the progress it had made during the past year, and then came the big part of the program—the eats. There was abundance for everybody and there was a big crowd there too. The Elks Home was filled to overflowing and there were perhaps 400 men and women present.

One speaker of the evening brought out the fact that there are in the neighborhood of 1000 men in Clovis who belong to the several labor organizations, the following organizations now being affiliated with the local Trades Council: Machinists, Boilermakers, Carmen, Sheet Metal Workers, Blacksmiths, Maintenance of Way, Railway Clerks, Retail Clerks, Carpenters, Barbers, Painters, Laborer. These organizations are in addition to the Brotherhood organizations.

The affair Wednesday night was voted a great success by all present and the members of the different organized crafts are to be commended for getting up such a good program in such a short time.

DRILLING PREPARATIONS

Everyone is interested in the proposed deep test well that will be put down in the neighborhood of the Shipley Ranch north of town. The contractors, Messrs. L. E. Key and J. O. Darsey, of the Texas oil fields have deposited a forfeit that they will carry out their part of the contract and already have placed an order with local lumbermen for big rig timbers to be used in building a derrick. The contractors will do the drilling with an up-to-date machine that will eliminate all uncertainties about the outcome of giving this section a thorough test.

Indications are said to be good for oil in several parts of this county and should we strike oil or gas this section will have a wonderful development.

The machinery has been set in motion to have a fair in Curry County this fall. On Tuesday afternoon of this week a meeting was held at the court house by the officers of the Curry County Farm Bureau and some of the business men of Clovis at which time the matter was discussed. The meeting formed temporary organization by electing Will H. Pattison president and Bert Curless secretary, and after discussing the matter it was decided there was sufficient interest to call a general meeting to discuss the matter and, if it is decided to have a fair, to begin at once to make the plans. This meeting will be held at the court house on Saturday afternoon, June 14th, commencing at 1:00 o'clock and it is hoped that a large crowd will be there.

Never in the history of Curry County has there been a more suitable year to have a good fair than this one. We will have fine crops and it will be a dandy time to show the country what we really can do in Curry County.

MOVING TO CLOVIS

District Highway Superintendent D. W. Jones has moved from Portales to Clovis and has purchased the Chesbro residence in the east part of town. Mr. Jones says he is moving to Clovis in order to be more centrally located to handle his work, which he has handled very successfully during the past few years.

MRS. J. W. HALE DEAD

Mrs. J. W. Hale, wife of Dr. Hale, died at the family home at Grady Wednesday after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Hale was in Clovis Monday and went home feeling fine. Shortly after 6 p. m. a heavy supper she was struck with an attack of apoplexy from which she never recovered.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hale leaves two sons, one of whom is in the navy, and is stationed at San Francisco, and the funeral arrangements have been deferred until the latter part of the week when he reaches Clovis.

Mrs. Hale was a member of the Methodist Church. The husband and sons have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

GETTING READY

Farmers are getting ready for the grain harvest which will commence here within a few weeks. The machines are being put into repair and no pains will be spared to save the crop. Curry County will raise the largest wheat crop she has ever raised in the history of the county and between now and fall the farmers of the county will market more than a million dollars worth if present indications count for anything.

DUCKWORTH NAMED FOR STATE PHARMACY BOARD

W. H. Duckworth of Clovis was re-appointed by the governor yesterday to succeed himself on the board of pharmacy examiners for the state. He is the only member of the board who will serve again, having been first appointed by Governor Lindsey in 1917.—Albuquerque Journal.

Mr. Duckworth is proprietor of the Southwestern Drug Co. in Clovis, and his many friends here are pleased to learn of his re-appointment.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE UP TO STATE

Washington, June 4.—The house woman suffrage resolution was adopted by the senate late today and the proposed constitutional amendment now goes to the states for ratification.

The vote was 56 for adoption and 25 against, or two more than two-thirds majority required.